

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, August, 14, 2012

Present: Juliette Lopez - Chair Kevin Mazzarella, Secretary

Ken Milligan, III, Ph.D Dave Marcotte – Vice Chair

Tim Pratt Steve Rawson – Town Council Liaison

Absent: Al Low

Alice Lavigne

Excused: Al Gerew

Guests: Nancy Binns, Town Council President

Jeff McCormick, Director DPW

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Judy- Lopez, Chair

Motion to accept minutes of July 9, 2012, made by Dave Marcotte.

Seconded by Tim Pratt passed 5-0.

Correspondence:

Judy Lopez, Chair, shared a letter she received stating that Ken Milligan, III, Ph.D. was approved to continue on the Commission.

Good & Welfare:

Steve Rawson handed out Appreciation Awards to the Commission members that were not present at the appreciation cook out.

Old Business:

DEM Grants - Skate Park / Spring Lake

The Director, Jeff McCormick stated that the Town is looking to build Men's softball fields across from the Middle School with a grant. The Skate Park is currently with DEM waiting for approval. The land has not been purchased yet for the skate park. The plan to purchase the lot near Spring Lake for parking is longer viable. The owner of the land would not budge on the price.

Fishing / Canoe Launch

Director Jeff McCormick stated that all that needs to be done is some landscaping and signage for parking.

Spring Lake Beach

Judy Lopez, Chair, stated that the numbers look good and are about the same as last year. We should have the actual numbers for our next meeting.

Park Map

Ken Milligan, PhD stated that the High School Art department will be sending us some material for review.

Duck Race

The race is August 19th, 2012. The money is due now.

Discuss Merging of Departments

Nancy Binns informed the Commission on how the merger was formed. She stated that in an effort to save money, the Town would merge Parks and Rec. with DPW. The details of the merger were not finalized until the Council was able to vote on it. The Council gave the Town Manager a mandate to create a proposed merger that they could vote on. It was voted on and passed. Nancy was given a list of questions prior to our meeting. She addressed the questions during her discussion with us. The new Director, Jeff McCormick will attend our monthly meetings and if unable to, will make sure someone will attend in his place. He will keep us informed and updated on any projects that concern the Commission. There was some confusion as to who the Commission reports to. Nancy stated that the Commission reports to the Town Council. The new Director, Jeff McCormick will be in charge of maintaining fields, building, etc. New ideas and programs will be implemented in the same way, starting with the Director. Nancy stated that between the Director and the Planner, Tom Kravitz, the Commission will be informed of new and ongoing projects, thru the Director, just as Cheri Hall did over the years. Jeff McCormick stated that contracting and invoices would be thru his office. His assistant will be helping out, as well as Carol Conway. As of now, the Parks and Rec will be in the same building as it is now. Tom Kravitz will be handling grant duties. She asked that put in

writing to the liaison a request to attend all meetings, and if unhappy with the response and would like a new liaison, send the request in writing to the Town Council.

New Business:

Board Member Attendance

Nancy informed the commission on the procedure we should follow regarding board members being absent. She stated that we should send a letter to the board member first and include a copy of the rule. If no response, the board may vote and make a request to the Town Council to fill the vacancy. Nancy also discussed the Town Council liaison. She suggested that the Commission first reach out to the member. She explained that if we are unhappy with the response we can send a request in writing to the Town Council.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Ken Milligan, III, Ph.D. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion Passed 5-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main St, Pascoag, RI 02859

Recorded by

Kevin Mazzearella, Secretary

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